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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: WILHELM et al.  
SERIAL NO.: to be assigned  
FILED: herewith  
TITLE: TRANSCODER FOR DECODING ENCODED TV PROGRAMS  
ART UNIT: not yet known  
EXAMINER: not yet known

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application before a first consideration on the merits as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figs. 1-4 with replacement Figs. 1-4 submitted herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the replacement Abstract submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification. Also submitted herewith is a marked-up copy of the specification. No new matter has been added.

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